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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (INFO ADDEES OMITTED)
FOR US REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO

E.O. 11652: DGS

TAGS: PORG, ICAO

SUBJECT:ICAO - US CANDIDACY FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL,
HONORABLE BETTY C. DILLON

REF: STATE 32687

1. INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) WILL
ELECT A SECRETARY GENERAL IN APRIL TO REPLACE ASSAD KOTAITE
WHO WAS ELECTED LAST OCTOBER TO FILL ONE YEAR UNEXPIRED
TERM OF RETIRING ICAO PRESIDENT WALTER BINAGHI. U.S.
GOVERNMENT WILL FILE THE NOMINATION OF MRS. BETTY C. DILLON,
U.S. REP. TO ICAO FOR THE PAST FOUR AND A HALF YEARS, FOR
THIS POSITION. TO DATE WE KNOW OF TWO OTHER CANDIDATES,
INDONESIAN COUNCIL REP. BARKAH, AND FRENCH COUNCIL REP.
LAMBERT. WE HOPE THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL CANDIDACIES.

2. TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM POSSIBLE BACKING FOR MRS. DILLON, IF
THEY BELIEVE SUCH APPROACH WILL BE PRODUCTIVE, MISSIONS
SHOULD APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AS
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SOON AS POSSIBLE, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT
MRS. DILLON, SEEK SUPPORT AND REPORT RESULTS. IF SUCH
APPROACH IS NOT MADE, MISSIONS SHOULD ALSO REPORT. THEY
COULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS THIS
TOPIC. SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN

MONTREAL WITH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND DEPARTMENT
BELIEVES DUAL APPROACH WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN ADVANCING

CANDIDACY.

3. IN ADDITION TO HER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP, MRS. DILLON HAS BEEN THE U.S. MEMBER OF FOUR STANDING COMMITTEES. SHE WAS CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE FOR TWO TERMS; CHAIRMAN, JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE LAST YEAR AND IS CURRENTLY FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT COUNCIL.

4. MRS. DILLON WAS AN AIR TRANSPORT EXAMINER AT THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS, IN CHARGE AFRICA, MID EAST AND EASTERN EUROPE. DURING THIS TIME SHE WAS ON ONE-YEAR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WORKING ON AVIATION PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE FOR NEW NATIONS IN AFRICA. WHILE AT CAB SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. WORKING GROUPS ON ICAO FACILITATION, AND ON NATO CIVIL AVIATION PLANNING COMMITTEE. SHE WAS AN ASSISTANT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF FOREIGN AID FOR FIVE YEARS AND PARTICIPATED IN AVIATION ASSISTANCE PLANNING FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS.

5. HER BACKGROUND IN AVIATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OVER THIRTY YEARS INCLUDES SERVICE AS A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT TO AIRLINES, CONSULTANT TO AVIATION ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF AN AIRLINE FOR MANAGEMENT.

6. HER ACADEMIC PAPERS INCLUDE STUDIES OF THE UN ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT ASPECTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS, AIRPORT CAPACITY STUDIES, AND MANY SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PAPERS. SHE WAS A PRINCETON FELLOW IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (WWS) (MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS). HER UNDERGRADUATE WORK WAS IN ECONOMICS AT SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES.

7. MRS. DILLON WAS THE FIRST WOMAN DIRECTOR OF A COUNTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM (PEACE CORPS TUNISIA AND CEYLON).

8. SHE WAS A COMMANDING OFFICER IN THE CIVIL AIR PATROL AND HAS BROAD AVIATION BACKGROUND IN AVIATION OPERATIONS AS WELL AS MANAGEMENT.

9. MRS. DILLON SPEAKS, READS AND WRITES FRENCH VERY WELL AND HAS WORKING KNOWLEDGE SPANISH. RECIPIENT: CAB MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR PERFORMANCE AND DEVOTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, 1964; GODFREY FELLOW, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, 1954, FEDERAL CAREER WOMAN, PEACE CORPS, 1968; "WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT" BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, 1975. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM CURRENT WHO'S WHO.

10. FOR ACCRA: GHANA IS NOT ON COUNCIL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR GENERAL DWEMOH, OF U.S. FILING AS HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION.

11. FOR PARIS, FYI: ALTHOUGH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF FRENCH CANDIDATE LAMBERT, AS OF 2/10, FORMAL FILING ICAO/MONTREAL HAD NOT BEEN MADE ON THAT DATE, WE HEAR FROM MONTREAL CONTACTS THAT ECAC STATES ARE SPLIT ON THE FRENCH CANDIDACY. IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO STOP THE FRENCH FROM FILING BUT IF, AS A RESULT OF OUR DECISION THEY WERE TO DECIDE NOT TO FILE, WE WOULD WELCOME THE RESULT. MANY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE NEW ICAO PRESIDENT, ALTHOUGH LEBANESE, IS FRENCH-SPEAKING, FRENCH EDUCATED AND FRENCH ORIENTED. WE JOIN MANY OTHER COUNCIL REPS. IN THE BELIEF THAT THE SYG SHOULD BE FROM A MAJOR AVIATION STATE, AND SHOULD NOT BE FRENCH ORIENTED. END FYI.

12. FOR BRASILIA, FYI: CONTRARY TO EARLIER INDICATIONS, WE UNDERSTAND FROM CONVERSATIONS IN MONTREAL WITH THE BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO, THAT BRAZIL IS NO LONGER CONSIDERING FILING A CANDIDACY. END FYI.

13. FOR OSLO: NORWEGIAN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CIVIL AVIATION WILLOCH WAS A LAST MINUTE CANDIDATE FOR ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. APPARENTLY HE IS NOT GOING TO FILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR SEC.GEN. WOULD HOPE NORWAY/DENMARK WOULD ENJOIN SWEDEN COUNCIL REP. TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE.

14. FYI: U.S. IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO PUT FORWARD THE CANDIDACY OF AN INDIVIDUAL SO UNIQUELY QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION AS IS MRS. DILLON. SHE OFFERS THAT SORT OF CANDIDACY WE WOULD WANT TO ADVANCE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, HER CANDIDACY INDICATES THE POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT TO PLACE QUALIFIED WOMEN IN POSITIONS OF IMPORTANCE. END FYI. SISCO

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